

Metropolitan King County Countywide Planning Policies Benchmark Program

Data Sources for Land Use Indicators

Indicator 30: New Housing Units in Urban and Rural Areas and Urban Centers

Data Source: King County Jurisdictions, Buildable Lands data collection for 1996 - 2000 and 2001 - 2003. Puget Sound Regional Council.

Indicator 31: Employment in Urban and Rural Areas and Urban Centers.

Data Source: Washington State Employment Security Department, reported by the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Indicator 32: Redevelopment

Data Source: King County Jurisdictions.

Indicator 33: Ratio of Land Consumption to Population Growth

Data Source: King County Buildable Land Report, King County Jurisdictions, U.S. Census 2000, the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Indicator 34: Trend in Achieved Density of Residential Development

Data Sources: King County Buildable Lands Report (2002), King County Jurisdictions, and the Suburban Cities Association.

Indicator 35: Land Capacity as a Percent of Twenty-Year Household and Job Targets

Data Source: 2002 King County Buildable Lands Report, King County Jurisdictions and the Suburban Cities Association.

Indicator 36: Land with Six Years of Infrastructure Capacity

Data Source: No consistent data available. Puget Sound Regional Council is studying this issue, and their reports are available at www.psrc.org/projects/growth/concur/concurrency.htm

Indicator 37: Acres of Urban Parks and Open Space

Data Source: King County Jurisdictions, King County Parks and Recreation; National Park and Recreation Association; the Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Indicator 38: Ratio of Jobs to Housing in King and Surrounding Counties.

Data Source: Washington State Employment Security Department; Puget Sound Regional Council; Washington State Office of Financial Management. U.S. Census 1980, 1990 and 2000.

Indicator 39: Acres in Forest Land

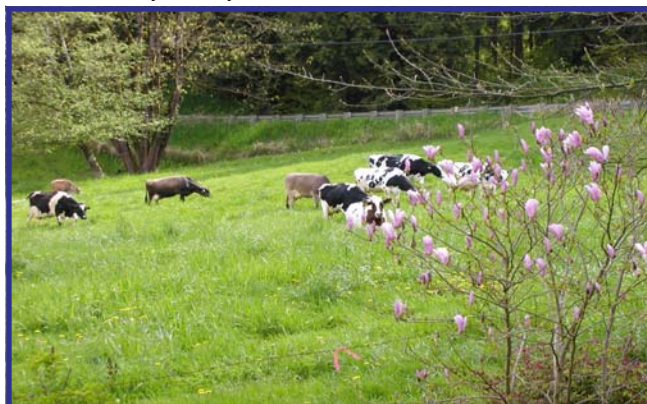
Data Sources: King County Department of Natural Resources.

Indicator 40: Acres in Farmland, and Number and Average Size of Farms

Data Sources: U.S. Census of Agriculture, King County Department of Natural Resources, Office of Rural and Resources Programs Farm Survey (2004).

Indicator 40 "What We Are Doing" (continued)

- Expanding the size and scale of farmers markets.
- Allowing farm machinery repair as an accessory use in Agriculture and Rural Zones.
- Preserving farmland by purchasing the right to develop it. About 13,000 acres are now permanently conserved for farmland.
- Partnering with retailers, including Safeway, PCC, Larry's Markets, Haggen's/Top Foods, and Metropolitan Market, who support local agriculture by buying and offering locally grown products to their customers.
- Through FarmLink, working to ensure that farms remain in agricultural production and to facilitate the transition of farms to the next generation.
- Connecting retiring farmers to new farmers, and matching landowners with underutilized land with those interested in farming.
- Working with farmers to help make agriculture both viable and environmentally friendly.



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The **King County Countywide Planning Policies Benchmark Program** is a program of the Metropolitan King County Growth Management Planning Council. Reports on the 45 Benchmark Indicators are published annually by the King County Office of Budget. The annual reporting is accomplished through five bi-monthly publications, of which the Land Use Report is the first. It will be followed by reports on Economic, Housing, Transportation and Environmental Indicators. A companion to these reports is the **King County Annual Growth Report**. All reports are available on the Internet at <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/>. For information about the **Benchmark Program**, please contact Rose Curran, Program Manager (206) 205-0715, FAX (206) 296-3462; e-mail: rose.curran@metrokc.gov. The Benchmark Program address is King County Office of Budget, Room 420, King County Courthouse, Seattle, WA 98104.

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